

Because of You: 10,862 Pets Found Care, Comfort, and Hope in 2025

In 2025, JHS cared for a record-breaking 10,862 animals. The last time we sheltered this many pets was two decades ago, in 2005, before we became a no-kill shelter.

No shelter ever sets out hoping to see their intake numbers climb, but thanks to you – our dedicated supporters – we were able to face this challenge with resolve, knowing our compassionate community would be with us every step of the way.

To us, 10,862 isn't just a number. This figure represents 10,862 individual dogs and cats, all with distinct backgrounds, personalities, and needs. Each one impacted by your kindness, generosity, and belief in second chances.

Kitt, a senior dog who loves pup cups, car rides, and snuggles, is just one example of the lives you touched in 2025. While at JHS, Kitt spent time making memories with our summer camp children and explored Jacksonville on a few Dog Day Out field trips. After more than a month in the shelter, he was adopted in July.

And then there's Duckling, a kitten who arrived at JHS when she was only 10 days old. Because she was so young, we placed Duckling in foster care, where she could be bottle fed and receive plenty of TLC to help

her grow big and strong. Duckling was adopted in October as soon as she was old enough – by her foster family!

Whether you adopted or fostered, donated, volunteered your time, shared our posts on social media, advocated, attended a JHS event, or participated in an education program in 2025, you made a difference in the lives of these 10,862 animals. You will forever be a part of these 10,862 stories.

Because of you, we transformed what would have been an insurmountable challenge 20 years ago into a powerful example of how far JHS has come and what we can achieve together. We are grateful.

With your support, we can continue to make a difference in the lives of pets like Kitt, Duckling, and the other 10,860 dogs and cats we cared for in 2025. Visit our website at www.jaxhumane.org and follow us on social media [@jaxhumane](https://www.instagram.com/jaxhumane) to learn about how you can get involved in our mission.



*Kitt with his
New Best Friend*



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Generosity breeds joy.

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From the Desk of JHS Leadership

Dear Friends,

As I complete my first year as CEO of JHS, I find myself both humbled and inspired by everything we accomplished together in 2025. This year was nothing short of monumental for JHS and our community.

Nearly 11,000 animals came through our doors in 2025 – the highest intake we’ve seen since 2005. In spite of this staggering number, we maintained our no-kill status and ensured that each individual animal received the care, comfort, and compassion they deserved.

This achievement reflects the strength, resilience, and innovation that define JHS as an organization, as well as our community’s commitment – your commitment – to lifesaving. Thank you – your compassion matters.



Equally inspiring in 2025 was the unwavering support of our volunteers. In 2025, more than 25,000 volunteer hours were generously donated to our mission – another record-breaking milestone. Each hour represents a dog walked, a cat cuddled, a kennel cleaned, a surgical pack made, an adopter welcomed, and a life changed.

As we look ahead to 2026, I carry immense pride in what we made possible in 2025 and am optimistic about the future. Thank you for being a part of our mission. I look forward to seeing what we can accomplish – together – in 2026.

Generosity breeds joy,

Lawrence Nicolas
Chief Executive Officer

P.S. If you would like to see first-hand the difference your donations make to animals in need, please come by for a personal tour! Call 904-493-4566 or email info@jaxhumane.org to schedule.

2025 At-a-Glance

ANIMALS SHELTERED

10,862

2,137 Dogs
525 Puppies
(under 5 months)
1,783 Cats
6,417 Kittens
(under 5 months)



ADOPTIONS 8,801



1,867 Dogs
480 Puppies
1,195 Cats
5,259 Kittens

FOSTER FAMILIES

3,521

801 Dogs
26 Puppies
197 Cats
4,624 Kittens



VOLUNTEERS

22,474

Individual Hours

479 Volunteers

256 Groups of Volunteers

4,546 Group Volunteer Hours



TROOPS & TAILS

87 Total Troops & Tails volunteers

32 New Troops & Tails Volunteers

4,546 Total Troops & Tails Volunteer Hours



SPAY OR NEUTER SURGERIES 8,061

1,828 Dogs
6,233 Cats



ANIMALS PLACED

9,767

Healthy In Home

Includes adoptions, return to home, and other lifesaving outcomes



EDUCATION

3,345

Total children served

1,140 Children served via Pawsitive Outreach

1,427 Pawsitive Reading Hours



PET HELP CENTER

8,120 Families served in partnership with a local human-resource service provided by Lutheran Social Services



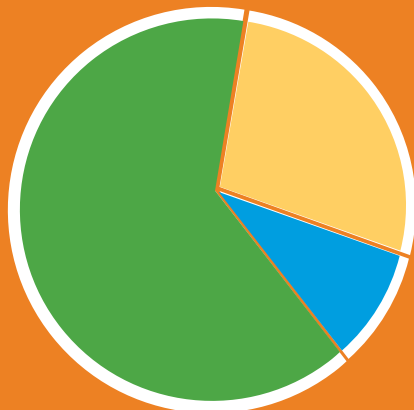
VETERINARY MOBILE CLINIC

194 Families Served

334 Pets Served



Total Contributed Income: \$7,869,497



- Donors **\$5,172,989 (66%)**
- Grants & Foundations **\$1,971,367 (25%)**
- Events & Corporate Partners - **\$725,141 (9%)**

TOTAL INCOME: \$9,056,653*

*Includes fees generated, excludes bequests and estate gifts



“Did You know...?”

Did you know... JHS has a mobile veterinary outreach program? Each month, JHS veterinarians and vet techs drive our mobile clinic van to neighborhoods throughout Jacksonville bringing free veterinary services to areas where affordable pet care isn't readily accessible. Our veterinary outreach serves hundreds of pets and the people who love them every year.

If you're passionate about helping families access these services, call 904-493-4560 or email info@jaxhumane.org to learn about ways to support.

Mutt March is Back!



After a five-year hiatus, Mutt March made its long-awaited return on April 5, 2025! Our last Mutt March was held in 2019, before the pandemic paused the event in 2020 and inspired the launch of Mutt Market from 2021-2024. This year marked a joyful homecoming for Northeast Florida's largest pet-friendly walk and festival – and one of our most beloved traditions.

Hundreds of animal lovers and their four-legged friends came together to walk, celebrate, and support JHS. Highlights included wagging tails, festive costumes, community partners, and an incredible show of support that helped raise more than \$100,000 for pets in need.

We're thrilled to bring Mutt March back in 2026! Join us on **Sunday, April 12**, for a fun-filled day for both ends of the leash featuring a walk on UNF's prestigious track, local vendors, a silent auction and chance raffle, and more.

Register and start fundraising today at www.jaxhumane.org/muttmarch.



When Florida Unites, Lives Are Saved

For the third year in a row, JHS led a statewide Mega Adoption Event in partnership with Petco Love from June 27-29, 2025. Facilitated through JHS's Florida Leaders in Lifesaving program – a statewide initiative uniting shelters and rescues through shared resources and lifesaving strategies – the event brought together 52 organizations from across Florida, from the tip of the panhandle to Miami.

With a collective goal of finding loving homes for 2,000 animals in just three days, the event exceeded expectations, resulting in 2,114 pets adopted statewide. This remarkable outcome underscores the power of collaboration and the commitment of Florida's animal welfare community to save lives and create happy new beginnings for pets and the people who love them.

Want to be a part of Mega Adoption magic in 2026? Our next statewide event is scheduled for June 19-21. To learn more about JHS's Florida Leaders in Lifesaving program, visit www.floridaleadersinlifesaving.org.